

Claims

The listing of claims is as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) Video apparatus comprising :

- a digital encoder receiving a first analogue signal with ancillary information in a given time window and generating, exclusively from said first analogue signal, on an output a digital stream based at least partly on the said first analogue signal;

- a digital decoder at least connectable to the output and generating a second analogue signal exclusively from the said digital stream at least when being connected to said output;

- control means for determining the occurrence of said time window and correspondingly generating a control signal;

- selecting means for selectively outputting, based on said control signal, the first analogue signal, when said time window occurs, and otherwise, the second analogue signal,

wherein the digital decoder includes means for synchronising the second analogue signal to the first analogue signal.

2. (Previously Presented) Video apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the means for synchronising the second analogue signal to the first analogue signal are coupled to a synchronisation separator receiving the first analogue signal on an input.

3. (Previously Presented) Video apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the control means uses a first signal which is high only during periodical predetermined time intervals corresponding to said time window.

4. (Previously Presented) Video apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the first analogue signal is a CVBS signal and wherein said first signal is high during predetermined lines of the first analogue signal.

5. (Previously Presented) Video apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the control signal is generated by a combination of the first signal and of a second periodical signal -corresponding to active parts of the first analogue signal.

6. (Previously Presented) Video apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the first analogue signal is a CVBS signal, wherein said first signal is high during predetermined lines of the first analogue signal and wherein said second periodical signal is high during a determined part of each line.

7. (Previously Presented) Video apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the digital encoder and the digital decoder are coupled via a selector coupled to a medium interface.

8. (Previously Presented) Video apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the selecting means are coupled to an output of the video apparatus connectable to a display.

9. (Currently Amended) Video apparatus comprising :

- a digital encoder receiving a first analogue signal and generating on an output a digital stream exclusively based on the said first analogue signal;

- a digital decoder receiving the digital stream and generating a second analogue video signal exclusively based on the said digital stream and synchronised with the first analogue signal,

wherein the digital decoder includes means for synchronising the second analogue signal to the first analogue signal.